

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 7 and 18 have been placed in independent form and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit Claim 28 also contains allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended to provide clear antecedent basis.

Reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3653-8851US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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